

September 8, 1964

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Mr. Fred Ludington
129 West Washington Street
Parker, Indiana

Dear Mr. Ludington:

I regret that I am not able to furnish the copy of the
homicide report which you requested in your letter of
September 5, 1964.

This report is one of the official records of the
Police Department and must be kept confidential.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

Dear Sir.

Could you please send me a copie
of the Homicide Report of President Kennedy.
If any charge please reach in some way.

Dallas Police Department
Dallas Texas



FRED. LUDINGTON
PARKER, INDIANA
129 W. WASHINGTON ST

Return to

June 23, 1964

A3

Mr. David B. Wilton
206 Beecher Street
Syracuse 3, New York

Dear Mr. Wilton:

The Dallas Police Department has never been requested not to make an arrest by any agency of the Federal Government about which you inquired in your letter of June 17, 1964.

i do not care to comment on the other questiona you asked.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

JMJ

206 Beecher Street
Syracuse 3, New York
June 17, 1964

Jesse E. Curry, Chief of Police
Dallas City Hall
Dallas, Texas

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Can you tell me if any people connected with the conservative political philosophy were threatened or suffered any property damage as the result of Kennedy's death? In your estimation, have "right-wingers" caused any acts of violence or public disorder since you have been in office?

I understand that the Warren Commission has taken over the investigation of the assassination, but I would like to know if there is any information you can send me which is already public knowledge. In whatever way you can aid me, I will be indebted.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours

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Sincerely yours

David E. Wilton
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Assassination gun.

January 10, 1964

A3

Mr. Frank Thompson
Route 1, Box 7
Rolla, Kansas - 67954

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The weapon used in the assassination of President Kennedy about which you inquired in your letter of January 8, 1964, was a 6.5 mm Mannlicher Carcano of Italian design and manufacture.

The weapon used in the murder of Police Officer J. D. Tippit was a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver, with a two inch barrel.

I hope this information is what you require.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

Rolla, Kansas
January 8, 1964

Chief of Police
Dallas Police Force
Dallas Texas

Dear Sir:

I would like very much to have the authentic description of the Rifle and hand guns used in the Presidential Assassination and the killing of patrolman Tibbitts and Oswald.

If possible would like to have official photos of guns, would be glad to pay any cost occurred in obtaining same and any postage needed.

Due to conflicting news reports I have a list of seven different calibers and five different makes of guns used in the crimes.

I am interested in obtaining the information mostly because I am an antique and modern weapons collector.

Am sorry to bother you but would very much appreciate an official answer.

Sincerely,

Frank Thompson

Frank Thompson
R.R.#1 Box #7
Rolla, Kansas 67954

December 9, 1963

A3

Mrs. L. R. Matthews
644 Delgado Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Matthews:

We are not able at this time to furnish the name of the gun dealer who sold the weapon used in the assassination of President Kennedy.

I regret that we are not able to assist you.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

644 Delgado Drive
13 star Range, La.

Gentlemen -

Just to settle a bet,
would you kindly give
me the name of the
store and town, & state
that sold the gun
to Oswald?

Enclosed is a stamped
and self addressed envelope
for your reply - your answer
must be placed below.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours
(Thos.) G.R. Matthew

December 23, 1963

A3

Mr. Buell Martin
Route 1
Cumming, Georgia

Dear Mr. Martin:

The rifle used to assassinate President Kennedy, about which you inquired in your letter of December 18, 1963, was an Italian Mannlicher Carcano 6.5 m.m.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

JEC:PA

BUELL MARTIN'S NOTION STORE

Barber and Clock Shop
Cumming, Georgia

Dec - 18, 1963

Chief of Police
Dallas, Texas

Sir - first I want to tell you who I am
I am a Father of 6 children, 58 year old have 4
Grandchildren, have been a Baptist Church member
for 40 year. have been a mason 32 year, one
J.P. of my District I sympathize very much with
you good People of Dallas, I was a great admirer
of President John F. Kennedy,
this murder could have easily happened here in
our Town Atlanta, Ga, if the President had visited
G.S. Tech, as he had promised but for some reason
he didnt come.

Sir - what I would like to see is the exact gun
or will killed the President with. The Radio & news
Paper & T.V. has given out 3 different kinds of guns
The President was killed with, first British snipfield 30
next - Argentine Mauser Cal. 7.65 - and last an
Italian Rifle, There is about 3 different kinds of Italian
Rifles - Italian M 1938 Mannlicher Carcano 7.35 m.m. 21" Barrel
(Italian M 91 Rifle Cal. 6.5 m.m. 24" Barrel) also an
(Italian Mannlicher Carcano 6.5 m.m. model 91 30" Barrel)
this is the only means I could think of to get the
actual truth, ~~and~~ enclosed a self addressed envelope -
Please describe the Rifle to me, and I will forever thank
you.

Very Truly yours

Buell Martin

Dallas Police, Dallas Tex.,

Would you please send me
all the information allowed about
the assassination of President
Kennedy and the murder of
Lee Harvey Oswald.

Would you please send this
to Larry Kolb at P.O. 228 Mex.
A. F. B. Alabama.

Larry Kolb
JF

~~C. A. J. F.~~
Not answerable

Larry L. Kolb

Hts. 228

Max. A. 7. 73.

Ala.

Dallas Police Station
Dallas, Tex.



Larry L. Koll

Hts. 228

Max. A. 7.23.

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Dallas Police Station
Dallas, Tex.



February 10, 1964

A3

Mr. William W. Parish
The Macmillan Company
60 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Parish:

I have forwarded your letter of February 7, 1964, regarding an accreditation of Mr. L. C. Le Goullon to the Bloom Advertising Agency, which is handling press matters for the court in which Jack Ruby will be tried.

Any further correspondence should be addressed to the agency at 512 South Akard Street, Dallas, Texas.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

cc: Bloom Advertising Agency

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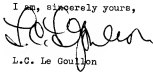
Jesse E. Curry
Chief of Police
Dallas, Texas

Dear Chief Curry:

In reference to Mr. Parish's letter to you I will be arriving in Dallas on Wednesday the 19th and will be in touch with you on Thursday in respect to my press accreditation.

Thanking you on this matter which must be a very busy time for you.

I am, sincerely yours,



L.C. Le Goullon

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY

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February 7, 1964

Jesse E. Curry
Chief of Police
Dallas
Texas

Dear Chief Curry:

One of the top artist-reporters in the country, Mr. L.C. Le Goullon, is coming from California to cover the upcoming Ruby trial. Mr. Le Goullon is well known for his sketches of famous personages in trials, hospitals and various locales where photography is not permitted. You may have seen his work in various magazines.

The Macmillan Company is one of the oldest and one of the larger publishing houses in America and, in situations such as this, feels it can request press accreditation for an artist or reporter working on a legitimate project. We have now had one of our artist-authors accredited with the Ecumenical council.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Le Goullon c/o Wilson-Loveton Publications, 2900 Rowena Avenue, Los Angeles, California. We are asking him to be in touch with you in relation to his Press accreditation.

Sincerely yours,

William W. Parish
Macmillan Company

WP/am

February 24, 1964

AJ

Mr. Oscar E. Graves
305 Beaver Dam Street
Waupun, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Graves:

Thank you for your letter of February 20, 1964, and the consideration you showed in offering to be a juror in the Ruby trial.

The laws of the State of Texas require that jurors serving in this State must be residents of the State and must be holders of a current Poll Tax.

Because of our laws it would not be possible for you to serve on the jury, but again, we do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

JSC:PA

Waupun, Wisconsin.
Feb. 20, 1964.

Dept. of Police and Justice
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen: I am a retired guard here at Waupun. I took care of John Schrank who shot Theodore Roosevelt in 1912.

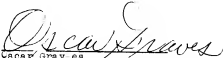
Because of my long record as an officer at the Central State Hospital for the insane and I also worked as a guard at the Wisconsin State Prison (during the riot) and because I am a reliable citizen I feel that I would make a good jurymen.

Of course both sides would have to sanction their approval. But I am very thoughtful and considerate and hold no malice in my heart. Neither have I formed an opinion of my own.

I can give you the best of recommendations from bankers, (The National Bank of Waupun) lawyers and the sheriff's office of Dodge county and maybe you could look me up with the FBI. I think they would give me a recommendation but I seldom refer to them because they are so busy and secretive. (United States Dept. of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, PO Box 663, Milwaukee, Wisconsin).

I believe I am one of the most fair and unbiased men you could have for the Ruby trial.

I thank you,


Oscar Graves
505 Beaver Dam st.
Waupun, Wisconsin.

February 10, 1964

A3

Mr. D. J. Ellis
710 West 21st Street
Casper, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Ellis:

I am not sure what the source of the television material you referred to in your letter of February 5, 1964, was, but it did not come from this Department.

Any further information or comments made on the assassinations must of necessity come from the Warren Commission since this group is now charged with the investigation of the circumstances.

I regret that I am not able to help you.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

Dear Sir:

I respected John Kennedy and naturally, his death was a great blow to me. Then, when Oswald was held for his assassination, I was greatly relieved. I witnessed the actual murder of Oswald on my television, and as I remember, the rerun of the tape was disconnected or split. It seems very strange to me how "Life" magazine could show a picture of his assassination and his murderer, but your tape did not. I also seem to remember Oswald seeing his assassin and muttering something. "Life" magazine has him not noticing his assailant, and there seems to be a sort of smirk on his face, and on the face of the person holding him.

I wish you would straighten these discrepancies out for me. I studied these "Life" pictures carefully. I think that a matter as important as this should not be left in "mid-air". I would appreciate an honest answer to my questions.

I think that Oswald had an accomplice. Many men who were top marksmen in the service received medals, and yet I read articles which stated Oswald was a top marksman. Where are his medals, or at least one of them? I am not fully convinced that the American people know what they should about their beloved president's murder. I would appreciate an answer. Thank you.

Yours respectfully,

D. J. Ellis

February 24, 1964

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Miss Vera Stone
Route 4
Tarklen Road
Lancaster, Ohio

Dear Miss Stone:

I am not sure where you obtained your information that we had published the age of President John F. Kennedy as 47 years.

So far as I know, in all of the reports of this Department we have shown President Kennedy's age as 46. We cannot, of course, know what reports were published by the individual news media. This possibly is the source of the error.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

2/18/69

February 18
Tuesday

Dear Chief of Police,

It has come to my and my classmates attention that we are quite sure you have made an error on the homicide report on former President John F. Kennedy. We have taken the date he was born and subtracted it from the day he was shot and got 46. We checked it quite a few times to make sure that we were right. I would like to know where you got your information that he was 47. Please write back and tell me where you got your information about former President Kennedy being 47.

Sincerely, your
Vera Stone

January 29, 1964

A3

Dr. Ecardo Coloccia
Jefe de la Division Criminologica
Policia de la Provincia de Buenos Aires
La Plata, Argentina

Dear Dr. Coloccia:

The instrument used to determine the distance traveled and trajectory of the bullets in the assassination of President Kennedy was a surveyor's transit.

The distance was determined by measuring the distance at ground level from the building where the shots were fired to the location of the President's vehicle. With the aid of the transit it was then determined the angle made by the path of the bullets and the line at ground level from the vehicle to the building. With this base and one angle the investigators were able to determine the distance the bullets traveled.

To insure accuracy this was done several times with the same results.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

cc: Mr. Quinn Tamm



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Chief Jesse Curry
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
Dear Jesse:

The attached photo from a newspaper in La Plata, Argentina was sent to me by one of our Active Members in that country, who is anxious to learn the name of the instrument and the method used to determine the distance and trajectory of the assassin's bullets. He believes such information will be of great help to his Division in conducting similar investigations.

I am sure it will be of real service to him if you will have a member of your staff write to Dr. Edgardo Coloccia, Jefe de la Division Criminalistica, Policia de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, La Plata, Argentina, describing the instrument, how it was used, where it is available, etc. An addressed, stamped envelope is attached.

Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely,


Quinn Tamm
Executive Director





ESTE AUTOMOVIL convertible avanza lentamente por la calle de Dallas, siguiendo la ruta de la caravana presidencial de Kennedy, durante la reconstrucción del suceso del asesinato estadounidense. Los investigadores utilizaron el transitón, instrumento para determinar la distancia y la trayectoria de las balas disparadas desde la vestesa

January 21, 1964

A3

Mr. Dwight H. Johnston
Captain of Police
Fort Worth Police Department
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Captain Johnston:

I appreciate very much your letter of January 15, 1964, and your expression of confidence and support.

I realize that the nature of the events surrounding the assassination of the President and the occurrences subsequent to it were calculated to produce a number of highly critical letters. Comments such as yours lend dignity and thoughtful consideration and are greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

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January 15, 1968

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Dear Sir:

Sergeant-at-Arms:

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I wrote you a letter on December 13th, however I decided that anything that I might say at the time would be very anti-climatic, so I decided to give it up as a bad gesture. After talking to some of your good officers at the annual Dallas Police dance Friday night, I decided that I should let you know my feelings regarding the assassination of President Kennedy and the resulting abuse heaped upon you and your department.

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Wichita County (Hon.)

When expressing my feelings on this matter, I feel that I am expressing the feelings of most every peace officer in this state as well as in our nation. We all realize that this terrible thing could have occurred in any city in the United States and all fair minded citizens realize that your department, as well as all other law enforcement agencies, were doing everything possible to protect our President.

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The subsequent killing of Oswald was certainly a very unfortunate thing to have happen within the Dallas police department. Those of us in law enforcement realize the terrific amount of pressure that is often applied by members of the news media. To those who have offered ridicule in the handling of Oswald, I have maintained that the news media was largely responsible for his being shot due to their insistence that "they be in on every move made". I have talked to news reporters (newspapers, radio, T.V.) and every one that I have talked to have told me that the news media should accept much of the blame for the death of Oswald. You and I know that this acceptance will never come to pass although I sincerely believe that the news media would enhance its stature in the public eye if they would sometimes admit that they are wrong and accept their responsibilities as they insist that other people do.

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Chief, you know, and I know, that it is always the cranks and chronic critics of police that "put their two-bits in first". They need not know the facts. They need only an opening to jump down our throats. We can be thankful that people of this type are in the minority but it is these people who would twist this terrible act in such a way that it reflects a disservice to a City, State, Nation or some segment of our population. Those who have been so ready to heap abuse upon the good city of Dallas and its police officers are guilty of fostering bigotry and hatred and the good Lord knows that we have had far to much of this in recent years.

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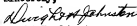
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It was most gratifying to know that your Mayor, City Manager and most of your councilmen expressed their faith and confidence in you and your officers. These people realize that law enforcement officers, especially their own officers, are extremely proud of their City and are constantly doing their very best to protect the life and property of all their citizens.

May I take this opportunity to speak for this association, as well as an individual, and say to you and your officers that we know that you have an outstanding department of which you are all justly proud. I am personally proud to count many of your officers as close friends and I am equally proud that I live "next door" to your fine city.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Dwight H. Johnston
Captain, Ft. Worth Police Dept.
Secretary, Law Enforcement Officers
Association of Texas

cc: Dallas Police Association
Lt. George Butler, President

Pledged To Better Law Enforcement

December 24, 1963

A3

Mr. Gordon O. Auburn
6203 SE Clinton Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Chief Auburn:

I appreciate very much your note of encouragement contained in your letter of December 6, 1963.

Words of understanding and support from other police officers are particularly valuable during these trying times.

I appreciate your taking the time to write as you did.

Very truly yours,

Glen D. King
Captain of Police

GDK:PA

December 23, 1963

A3

Mr. Kelly Maddox
Director, Citizens' Traffic & Safety Council
1960 Fidelity Union Tower
Dallas, Texas

Dear Kelly:

I appreciate very much the copy of your letter of December 19, 1963, to Dr. Alan Scott of the Texas Public Relations Association.

Your highly articulate comments lend a necessary note of responsibility regarding the "Editorial" which was reprinted by the TPRA.

The support of persons, such as yourself, is of great value to us.

Very truly yours,

Glen D. King
Captain of Police

GDK:PA

Glenn 741- I wrote this as a Member of TPRA-
10/11

December 19, 1963

Mr. Alan Scott, Executive Secretary
Texas Public Relations Association
P. O. Box No. 7818, University Station
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Alan:

The first page of the December Texas PR TALK is a good example of poor public relations. As a citizen of Dallas for many years I am still proud of our city. I refuse to hang my head in shame for the acts of crackpot non-citizens. The image of our city is being destroyed, not by what happened here November 22 and 24, but by articles such as that carried in PR REPORTER and by reprints of such articles.

I doubt very seriously that you would find many citizens of Dallas that agree with the substance of such an outrageous piece of non public relations propaganda. Should we condemn New Orleans because Oswald was born there? Should we condemn New York because he lived there? Should we condemn Irving because his wife and babies lived there? Should we condemn Fort Worth because his mother lives there? Why not blame Chicago for Ruby?

I am shocked that TPRA would be a party to such a smear campaign against our wonderful city. The people of Dallas were just as shocked as the rest of the nation over the assassination of our President and the cold blooded killing of the accused. Dallas is a city of wonderful people. It has to be or this great town of ours would never have grown to be the second largest city in the state. What happened in Dallas could have happened in Austin, Houston or Fort Worth.

At a time when irresponsible reporting makes every attempt to tear down the image of our city, I think it behooves TPRA to come to the rescue of that city and not be a party to the destruction of that image. After all, Dallas is in

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Texas and that that reflects on Dallas reflects on Texas so maybe Texas should hang its head in shame and since PR people play such an important role in molding and shaping the thinking of the people maybe, just maybe, TPRA should hang its head in shame. If for no other reason than being party to such an unwarranted attack on our town.

I feel that TPRA is just as guilty as Dallas by adding fuel to a fire that has been kindled by hate mongers such as the person that wrote the PR REPORTER editorial. Hate is hate no matter which side you are on.

Reference has been made to Dallas Police inefficiency and incredible ineptness on the part of the Dallas County prosecutor, none of which is true nor a proven fact. Not one word is said about the Dallas Police Department capturing Oswald within an hour after the President was assassinated. This information must have been known by PR REPORTER but they would rather destroy our image than make any mention of Oswald's capture and the subsequent investigation that linked him to the assassination. I don't think we have to apologize to anybody.

Cordially yours,

Kelly Maddox
Executive Secretary

KM/vc

cc: Mr. Mike Dickinson 

bcc: Mr. Cliff Blackmon

P. S. What has been said about the welcome Dallas gave the President? Thousands of Dallasites lined the route of the motorcade to welcome him. What about the hundreds who were attending the luncheon? Luncheon guests included Democrats, Republicans and others. Everyone was proud of the turnout for the President but I haven't read very much about this phase of our city.

December 23, 1963

A3

Mr. William J. Harding
849 Wilson Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Harding:

I appreciate very much the copy of your letter of December 19, 1963, to Dr. Alan Scott of the Texas Public Relations Association.

Your highly articulate comments lend a necessary note of responsibility regarding the "Editorial" which was reprinted by the TPRA.

The support of persons, such as yourself, is of great value to us.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

From the Desk of

WILLIAM J. HARDING

849 WILSON BUILDING



Dec. 19, 1963

Dear Chief Curry;

I hope the time may come when we all can resume normal routines, but I feel I have taken about all the abuse that is necessary on one subject.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have written--as an individual--to one who should know better.

Just thought you might like to know Dallas citizens are still proud of their police department.

Sincerely,

*Capt King
Please express
our appreciation
to Mr Harding for
his comments and
his confidence
in me and Dallas
J. Harding*

December 19, 1963

Dr. Alan Scott
Texas Public Relations Association
P. O. Box 7818
University Station
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Alan:

The people of Dallas--newcomers and old timers alike--have with patience and forbearance waited for the heaps of abuse that have been poured upon their head for the assassination of President Kennedy to diminish in the light of sober reflection, honest judgement of the past record, and careful analysis of all factors.

It has not been easy. Nobody could be more regretful than the citizens of Dallas for the tragedy that happened here.

I think it is pretty well accepted that whenever an editorial is reprinted without comment, such editorial accurately reflects the attitudes and opinions of the publication involved.

Accepting that premise let me go on to state that I deplore your reproducing in the TEXAS P.R. TALK, that bit of vileness from the P.R. REPORTER, issue of December 9, 1963.

I grant that you and I--as does every reputable and sincere public relations man in Dallas--earnestly wish that a concrete program would be adopted. The PRSA Chapter has already recommended that. Why not simply say that, rather than reproduce that editorial without comment?

Let us go back to an old-fashioned principle of communication called reasoning or objectivity--something that seems to be rapidly vanishing in this era of opinion and emotional manipulation.

The term "editorial" lends an unwarranted dignity to this perverse diatribe, but I must identify it by some means in order to quote its more odious passages:

"...Dallas, head bowed in shame, image ugly for all the world to see...needs to be "investigating tragedy and multiple ineptness with honesty of purpose."
....."But Dallas does nothing, and America waits for moral reassurance with diminishing hope and rising resentment toward a hitherto respected community whose profile of courage cannot be discerned."

The Dallas Police Department has done a magnificent job of apprehension, and accumulating of evidence against the suspect and did it in an amazing short period of time. The FBI is conducting its own investigation, Congress is conducting an investigation, and the State of Texas is postponing its Court of Inquiry so as not to conflict with the findings of the other two investigations. Further, there already has been a great deal of criticism against too much already having been said about facts that have been developed.

For another thing, the public has been worked into such a frenzy outside this community that any conclusion would not be received with objectivity. Anything favorable would be interpreted as, "I told you they would whitewash the whole thing;" objectionable reports would be greeted with, "Well, who are they going to put the axe to, and when?" I honestly believe that nothing--NOTHING short of public degradation and humiliation of honest, sincere public servants would satisfy this insatiable thirst for revenge from some outsiders.

Yet the Dallas Police Force has not been involved in any scandals with the underworld as has happened in some other large cities. Dallas remains free from organized crime syndicates. Doesn't this count for anything any more?

When any association of Public Relations people, no matter how high principled its individual members; or, for that matter, any leader or professed leaders, can speak out with "moral reassurance" on behalf of every crackpot, profiteer, payoff artist, distorter of facts (or emotions), or provider of prostitutes to conclude big orders in marketing, then I will be agreeable to listening with interest to what the spokesman may have to offer. Obviously, these people are not qualified public relations practitioners--but they assume the name or identify themselves as being in public relations. I do not presume that the perpetrator of this literary outrage is willing to assume the collective guilt of these creatures; neither do I recall any "moral reassurance" that anything concrete is being done to erase this outrageous image from the public mind. Likewise, I do not think it behooves these people who are so abusive with vocal attacks to continue shoveling this collective abuse on a fine city and its citizenry.

I would assure you that there is no end of investigations--quite enough to satisfy even the bloodthirstiest onlooker. Wednesday's newspapers had a story about a group of ministers forming a committee to see if "freedom of speech" has been violated because a teacher was suspended for two days following a letter to Time magazine in which she attacked the atmosphere in the Dallas School System. It wasn't enough simply to sign it as a citizen, but she had to deplore it as a school teacher. A group of ministers also met to reaffirm the "freedom of the pulpit" when a Methodist minister went on television to say that children cheered when they heard the news of the assassination, when a little investigation showed that this elementary school children cheered because they were told that school was out.

I am certain a few younger children may have been indifferent about the news. Our daughter Mary (7th grade) said that all the girls burst into tears at the news; Jimmy (6th grade) said half of the girls were crying and the rest seemed confused or bewildered about what had happened; David (3rd grade) said a few girls cried and the rest didn't really know what to do.

When small children have not been confronted with the tragedy of death or the experience of a great loss, how are they expected to react? Some adults don't do too well in this department.

I personally think there might be room for study of "Responsibility of the Pulpit" to consider and reflect upon the circumstances under which Oswald would agree to baptism of his daughter--because he would have to make a contribution; or the minister who agreed to perform his funeral service but didn't show up; or the minister who did, "because they couldn't find any preacher who would."

What of the grief of Oswald's family? If we are indeed to believe that God is interested in every sparrow, who are these humans to decline spiritual comfort and solace to a family confronted with loss, regardless of the crime or suspected crime of the deceased? And what was accomplished by the minister--who not once, but twice,

repeated for nationwide audiences that children cheered? Assuming that a very few might have acted unwisely, what has this minister accomplished for his community? Should the unthinking acts of a few children taint the entire community; forever damn the thousands of children who prayed for the soul of the President; for the strength, comfort, and courage of his wife and children. Our children did--and they suggested it long before bedtime. Furthermore, they also prayed for comfort and strength of the Oswald widow and children, not only in their immediate loss, but in the difficult times that will dog them ahead. This wasn't unusual. There are many more devout families in this City of Dallas than the Hardings. I think we are pretty typical of what families felt and did.

And what about the Academic Freedom, or may I become heretical and suggest a need for Academic Responsibility? What conceivable contribution could the University of Texas professor have made with his paper that this could only have happened in Texas? Is this contribution in keeping with a "university of the first class?" I don't think so. This could have happened in any big city in this nation. I have no idea of this man's background but I sincerely doubt that he has any real knowledge of what people are or what they do. I suggest that if he had been a police reporter in Minnesota, he might have reached an entirely different conclusion.

Has the progress of Dallas toward peaceful integration, without pickets and disturbances been any less significant because of this tragedy? Has this one occurrence blinded reporters to a willingness to compare organized crime in Dallas with other big cities.

Has the outstanding service of Police Chief Curry been any the less significant because he extended himself to accommodate the press of the nation, reassured the nation that they believed they had apprehended the right man, permitted the American people to participate in this moment of tragic American history? I think not.

Has an outstanding school system done anything less in the way of achievements because a teacher was suspended for two days? I think not. I daresay Dallas students will rank extremely high with other school districts in this state. Incidentally, I doubt that the teacher has been penalized too severely; temporarily perhaps; but events have guaranteed her of a life-long tenure because every group is going to see that she is protected. I do not for one moment condone action depriving individual freedoms to people, but I do think that if there is to be any organization and continuity in a large administrative system there must also be some measuring stick of responsibility to a community.

We have a fine school superintendent in Dr. W. T. White. We have a fine police chief in Jesse Curry. I, for one, am unwilling to sacrifice responsible public servants on the altar of an emotional blood letting.

Anybody can be all-seeing and all-knowing from hindsight--and that's the usual point of view of most agitators. They are seldom found up front leading in their own areas of activity; they're back behind and sniping at somebody else in an unrelated field.

I think the local press, by and large, did an excellent job. They did a fine job under most difficult circumstances and they did it because they did not have to resort to vilification of their own city to accomplish effective reporting. I feel there were too many instances in which commentators strived for dramatic effects from a situation that was replete with drama and certainly not in need of any embellishments.

Too, I think the time has come when national television reporting must become aware of the difficulty of objective reporting. Too much antagonism can be generated by no more than a lifted eyebrow, a condescending tone or a sneer that will absolutely ridicule any belief other than the newscaster's.

I don't know if we shall ever return to objective reporting. Everyone seems obsessed with the role of opinion former rather than informing and let people reach their own conclusions. The credo has become: Attack. Attack. Destroy.

I know how repulsive this vicious attack is to me. I can only guess what it must be to those who have lived here all their lives; invested their time and their talents to building a fine community for their children.

It is also depressing to me to realize that I have not had the fortitude to hold out until the agitators drop with exhaustion from their own aimless meanderings. However, I have also concluded that the longer you continue to suffer this abuse in silence, the more indignities will be heaped upon the pile.

Admitting this personal failure, I can only do what is possible for one individual to do--express my own convictions. This may no longer be considered honorable but I intend to do it.

By the way, please do not interpret this as a reaction of the entire City of Dallas in frustration, because if others are not willing to reason that Dallas cannot possibly be responsible for each and every individual residing therein, I must make it a matter of record that this letter is written in my own ill temper and has not been cleared with the City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Independent School District, my own Board of Directors, the Police Department, Fire Department, local Church Councils, public relations consultants, or other holders of the public trust. Please do not condemn the entire city; my feelings are entirely my own.

I am thoroughly fed up with the abuse being shoveled onto Dallas. It is with regret that I have reached this personal conclusion for TPRA is truly a fine organization. I am no longer willing to swallow this bitter pill without expression.

I cannot condone the printing of that alleged editorial without comment and its subsequent silent endorsement by the Texas Public Relations Association.

Please consider this my resignation from the TPRA.

Sincerely yours,


Wm. J. Harding

December 2, 1963

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Mr. R. E. Bustice
520 Westwood
Richardson, Texas

Dear Mr. Bustice:

We appreciate very much the kind remarks contained
in your letter of November 23, 1963.

Expressions of confidence and support are particularly
valuable to us during times such as these. I appreciate
your taking the time to write me as you did.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

November 23, 1963

Dear Mr. Curry,

This is my first "fan-letter" to any police department, anywhere. I know that no one was more shocked or hurt by yesterday's tragedies than you and the others in your department. I am certain that all of us in this area were hurt more deeply than at any other location in the world.

However I feel you can take great pride in the manner in which your department apprehended and captured the suspect. I can well imagine the individual and departmental outrage towards a person that so flagrantly violated all forms of law, order and decency and I was extremely proud to learn that this man was brought in unharmed in spite of this outrage. I am certain that justice will be done and that this madman Oswald will pay for his crimes but I feel that we ~~or~~ would be guilty of gross neglect if we failed to say that we're proud of you and your department - it's a tough job but you're all doing it well.

Sincerely,

R. E. Justice - 522 Alameda - Richardson

December 4, 1963

A3

Mrs. Mae Ballard
308 N 5th Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Ballard:

Thank you very much for your kind expression of sympathy. It is encouraging to receive a letter such as yours at a time like this.

The people of Dallas are, of course, grief stricken at the loss of our President. I feel as you do that with the passing of time the burden will become easier to bear.

Again, I want to thank you for your kind remarks and extend to you an invitation to visit the Department if you are ever in the City of Dallas.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

Enc.

Ft. Smith, Ark,

Nov. 25-63

Mr. Jerry Curry.
Chief of Police, Dallas Tex.
Dear sir,

I would like to express my sorrow
to the City of Dallas, Tex. And also to
the brave man that lost his life in line
of duty.

What more can two men do than
give their life for the ideal of freedom?
But Mr. Curry what happened in Dallas
could very well have happened in our own
beloved City of Ft. Smith, Ark, Okla. or
any of the many Cities our beloved
president traveled. To in sure, en-
courage + give faith to the people of
our wonderful country. The loved
life, freedom + people in general -

Not only the rich, the people that have
an abundance of worldly goods, But to
the sick, the down hearted + less the
richer things of this life.

I am enclosing a letter I received

only a short time before his death. Only because I sent a sympathy card when they lost their little son.

I am only sending it to show that he loved all, rich, poor + sick a like. And I trust you will return this letter, as I am a heart patient, and should I not be here. I have requested that this last letter to my first grand child. In memory of our beloved president.

Let the good people of Dallas put this terrible thing behind. And as our beloved president has so often said, "press forward + let the light + glow of our freedom be a light to our own wonderful Country, but to our people all over the world, that it may glow for those people who long for freedom. + peace the world over -

I am sure if he could speak to the wonderful people of Texas he

would say fellow Texans press
forward to a brighter to-morrow,
and pray for those of other
countries, to those who are under
fed, & mostly for those that
pray for a better way of life &
freedom--

He was a man of courage but
most of all a man of God. And
I am sure he would want the
wonderful city of Dallas Tex. That
~~had~~ made such a welcome for
him & his lovely wife (forget)

He had not asked any one to do
more than he was willing to do
also.

So Mr. Curry I hope & pray the
city of Dallas will forget their
sorrow & press forward to carry out
the plans this wonderful man
would want them to do.

Above all we here in America.

I am not a big diplomat just
an ordinary mother & wife of
an ordinary family.

But my heart does go out to
you & the wonderful people
of Dallas & a wonderful state. And
may God give them the comfort,
for some tragic thing, that
might have happened to any of
our wonderful cities in this
good old U.S.A. Because we have
survived many tragic things &
with God's help we shall in
time survive this one.

Most sincerely;

Mrs. Max Ballard

508 No. 5th St.

7th. Smith, Arkansas

P.S. As I said I would appreciate the
return of this enclosed letter
I received from the White House.

Thank you very much, humbly, and
may God bless you, and the state of Texas

December 9, 1963

A3

J. A. D. Officer Calvin D. Ayers, #1494
Northwest Juvenile Division
Philadelphia Police Department
21 st & Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Officer Ayers:

I appreciate very much your letter of December 3, 1963, and your comments concerning the Dallas Police Department.

Expressions of confidence from other Police Officers are always welcome and aid us in the carrying out of our responsibilities.

Again, I appreciate your taking the time to write me as you did.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

MEMORANDUM

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

TO :
FROM :
SUBJECT:

DATE 12/3/63

J.A.D.Off. Calvin D. Ayers #1494
North-west Juvenile Div.
Philadelphia Police Dept.
21 st & Parkway
Phila. Pa.

Chief of Dallas Police
Jesse Curry
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir;

In view of the recent events that have happened in Dallas, plus the fact that I am a officer in the Philadelphia police force and also a native Texan, I have taken a personal interest in what occurred.

Even tho I am not in supervisory capacity and there fore cannot offically commend you and your men I would like to extend my personal regards to you and all the officers of the Dallas Police force for a difficult task well done under trying conditions.

I had the pleasure of meeting several members of the Dallas force while on vacation in July and do not feel that the unfavorable publicity toward them is warrented nor should they be made to suffer for the actions of two civilians.

In closing I would like to add that in my estimation the Dallas Police Force is one of the finest in the country and in the event that any of your officers ever come to Philadelphia I would be more than happy to show them around.

Respectfully



Op. 91

Alber—
calling no.
2556701

Mrs. Nickles

Rev. H. H. H. H.
9018 Ashwick Dr
Dallas

December 9, 1963
A3

Reverend William A. Holmes
9018 Aldwick Drive
Dallas, Texas

Dear Reverend Holmes:

I am forwarding a letter received from SP4 Johnnie
M. Henley, who requested that his letter be passed
on to you.

We did not answer Mr. Henley's letter since his
comments did not seem to be something of a police
nature.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

Enc. 1

December 16, 1963

A3

The American Adviser
Sapulpa
Oklahoma

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your recent telegram in which you commended the Dallas Police Department for the apprehension of Lee Harvey Oswald.

We cannot at this time comment on a statement made by a German newspaper that Oswald had been arrested following the attempted murder of General Edwin A. Walker.

When the investigations have been completed, I am sure a full report will be made available to the press, but at the present time we do not think it advisable to comment on the case.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

AFTER 3 DAYS RETURN TO

Sgt Johnny M. Henley

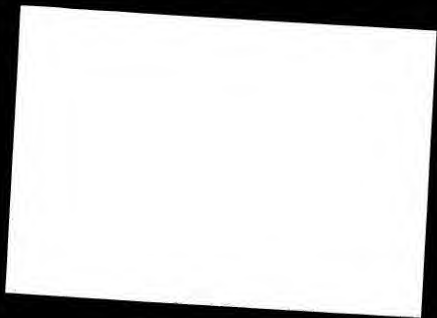
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Chief of Police
Police Hq.
Dallas, Texas





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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

SENDER WAITING

Answer
by wire

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOURS FOR AVAILABLE SERVICE TO
THE NATION IN APPREHENSION AND CAPTURE OF SUBJECTS LIKE COULD.
WE HAVE REPORT IN JACKSON IN NAME OF JAMES EARL RAY,
FUGITIVE AT JACKSON, THAT DALLAS POLICE STATION SHOULD FOLLOWING
ATTENTION NUMBER OF HIS GENERAL COUNSEL NUMBER BUT RELEASED MEN
FROM STATE OF ARIZONA COUNSEL ATTORNEY GENERAL. PLEASE WIRE
COLLECT JACKSON THIS IS TRUE OR SUBSTANTIALLY TRUE
THE AMERICAN ADVISER.

December 16, 1963

A3

Mr. Robert M. Miller
1316 Dallas Athletic Club Building
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am returning the photographs you brought to the Dallas Police Department shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy.

We are grateful to you for making these available for study.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

Enc. 2

December 16, 1963

A3

Mr. Charles Hill
1201 Tower Petroleum Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am returning the photographs you brought to the Dallas Police Department shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy.

We are grateful to you for making these available for study.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

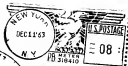
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BIORHYTHM COMPUTERS, INC.
28 EAST 22ND ST. NEW YORK 10, N. Y.



Police Commissioner of the City of Dallas
Dallas, Texas.

Re: [illegible]
March 25, 1911



ROUTING SLIP

11-27-63
12:35p.

Date _____

Time _____

TO: known - would not give her
DIVISION: name BUREAU _____

REMARKS:

Around where
she lives there
is no doubt
that Mr. Ruby
could have
been in her
building when
the other fellow
went to get his
coat - should
be given to the
F.B.I.

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Signature _____

Kelly had plenty of
time to get out
of building - Book store.
the one the assassin
was in.

She said her husband
worked at book store
Hammett and I
both tried to get
her name -
she was frightened

December 2, 1963
A3

Dr. B. B. Dawson
480 N. San Houston Boulevard
San Benito, Texas

Dear Dr. Dawson:

We are returning your \$5 bill you enclosed in your letter of November 25. You designated this for a Mrs. Martin. We are not sure for whom you actually intended this contribution.

We are not collecting funds for any Mrs. Martin and did not want to risk placing it in an account for which you had not intended.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

JBC:PA

Enc. \$5 cash

FOR MRS. MARTIN

DR. E. E. DAWSON

480 N. Sam Houston Blvd.
SAN BENITO, TEXAS



Chief of Police

Dallas, Texas



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FORM 81-2

To _____

Date _____ Time _____

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

Mr. *Howell Watson*

of *"L Watson"*

Phone _____

TELEPHONED		PLEASE CALL HIM	
CALLED TO SEE YOU		WILL CALL AGAIN	
WANTS TO SEE YOU		ANS. YOUR CALL	

Message *Ad m y*

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FORM 80-2

To Houston H. Nichols
 Date 1/9/51 Time 10:00

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

Mr. H. H. Nichols
 of Deceased

Phone 2-1-7
Clarice Nichols

TELEPHONED		PLEASE CALL HIM	
CALLED TO SEE YOU		WILL CALL AGAIN	
WANTS TO SEE YOU		ANS. YOUR CALL	

Message 1/9/51
H. H. Nichols
Tennesson, et al.

Jack Kirby J
S & R. Inc.
J. Kirby, Jack
Kirby V.P. Vice President
J. Kirby J
Kirby.

Watson & Watson
Realtors
A. F. Knight
J. R. J
- J. E. J. H.H.
Horton

FORM 81-2

To <u>J. R. - 7062</u>	
Date <u>7/10/72</u>	Time <u>2</u>
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of <u>Mr. H. Watson</u>	
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CALLED TO SEE YOU	WILL CALL AGAIN
WANTS TO SEE YOU	ANS. YOUR CALL
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P.O. #
2109 N Akard
Mrs. Nichols

Re Mrs. Blackman

McKnight 9'
801 Coe St.
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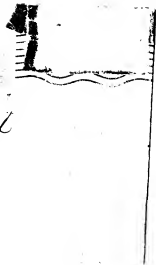
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